

**METHOD AND DEVICE FOR TREATING GASTROESOPHAGEAL
REFLUX DISEASE**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Disclosed is a delivery device for controllably delivering a prosthetic bulking
device below a tissue surface such as below the mucosa to treat gastroesophageal reflux
disease. The delivery device may be embodied in a deployment catheter, an endoscope,
or an endoscope attachment. The bulking device may additionally be explanted from
beneath the mucosa. In one embodiment, the bulking device comprises a hydrogel.

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